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"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" – Gospel Hymn (King James Version Inspiration)

Background and Biblical Basis

- "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" is a classic gospel hymn written in 1887 by Anthony J. Showalter (music and refrain) and Elisha A. Hoffman (verses)[1] [2].
- The hymn was inspired by Deuteronomy 33:27 (KJV): "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms"[3] [1] [2].

Lyrics (Excerpt)
> What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
> Leaning on the everlasting arms!
> What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
> Leaning on the everlasting arms!
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> Leaning, leaning,
> Safe and secure from all alarms;
> Leaning, leaning,
> Leaning on the everlasting arms[4] [3] [1] [5] [6].

Theme

- The hymn expresses the assurance, peace, and security found in trusting God, echoing the promise of God's unfailing support in the King James Bible[3] [2].

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"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" – Full Lyrics

Verse 1
What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse 2
O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Verse 3
What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]

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1st KINGS CHAPTER 4:29

1 Kings 4:29 (King James Version):

"And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore." [12] [13]

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How did Solomon's wisdom influence the surrounding nations

Solomon’s wisdom made him renowned across the ancient world. His reputation for insight and understanding attracted leaders, scholars, and dignitaries from surrounding nations, who came to hear his judgments and learn from his knowledge [14] [15] [16]. This international fame brought tribute and gifts to Israel, strengthened diplomatic ties, and contributed to a period of peace and prosperity. The Queen of Sheba’s visit is a famous example of foreign rulers seeking Solomon’s counsel [16] [17]. His wisdom not only elevated Israel’s status but also influenced the culture and governance of neighboring peoples [14] [16] [17].

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Olympic Wushu: Forms (Taolu)

Wushu forms, known as *taolu*, are choreographed routines that showcase martial arts techniques, stances, jumps, kicks, and balances. In Olympic-style and international competition, these forms are judged on technical skill, degree of difficulty, and overall performance [18].

Main types of Wushu forms:

- **Bare-hand routines:**
  - *Changquan* (Long Fist)

- *Nanquan* (Southern Fist)
- *Taijiquan* (Tai Chi)

- **Short weapon routines:**
  - *Jianshu* (Straight Sword)
  - *Daoshu* (Broadsword)
  - *Nandao* (Southern Broadsword)
  - *Taijijian* (Tai Chi Sword)
- **Long weapon routines:**
  - *Qiangshu* (Spear)
  - *Gunshu* (Staff)
  - *Nangun* (Southern Staff)
- **Other events:**
  - *Duilian* (Choreographed sparring, with or without weapons)
  - *Jiti* (Group routines with synchronized movements, sometimes with music) [18].

Competition routines have specific time requirements and are scored based on quality of movement, difficulty, and overall presentation [19] [20] [18].

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